

**CHAPTER NO. 23**

**SENATE BILL NO. 361**

**By Ford**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 1436**

**By Armstrong**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-310, relative to reports of hospitals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-310, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(a)(1) All hospitals licensed by the Department of Health or by the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities shall, within one hundred fifty (150) days after the end of each individual hospital's fiscal year, submit to the Department of Health a joint annual report of the statistical particulars relative to their patients for the fiscal year.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-310(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (4) and substituting instead the following:

(4) All hospitals that submit a joint annual report to the Department of Health as designated in this section also shall submit to the department, at the same time they send the signed paper copy of the report, a notarized statement from their chief financial officer stating that the financial data reported on the joint annual report are consistent with the audited financials for the hospitals for that reporting year. The notarized statement shall also be attested to by the chief executive officer of the hospital.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-310(d), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(d) The Department of Health shall compile, finalize and make available to the public an electronic compilation of the statistics reported by the hospitals for the fiscal years ending during a calendar year by November 30 of the following year.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 28, 2005

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR